eighty-one, entitled "an act to amend the charter of Statesville, as contained in the act of the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and acts passed subsequently thereto," shall be and continue as they heretofore have been, a body politic and corporate; and henceforth the corporation shall bear the name and style of "The City of Statesville," and under such Corporate name. name and style is hereby invested with all property and rights of property which now belong to the corporation, under any other name or names heretofore used, and by Corporate powthis name may acquire and hold, for the purposes of its government, welfare and improvement all such estates as may be devised, bequeathed or conveyed to it; and the same may from time to time sell, dispose of and invest as shall be deemed advisable by the proper authorities of the corporation.

SEC. 2. The administration and government of said officers. city shall be vested in one principal officer, to be styled the mayor, a board of eight aldermen, and such other officers as are hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 3. That said city shall be divided into four wards wards. by the intersection of Broad and Centre streets, that part lying northeast of said intersection to be known as ward number one; that part lying southeast as ward number two; that part lying southwest as ward number three; that part lying northwest as ward number four. That the boundary line between the third and fourth wards shall be Broad street to its terminus and thence continue north around the female college westward in the same general direction of said street to the corporate limits. And each ward shall elect two aldermen, who shall hold Aldermen. their office for two years and until their successors are qualified. Such aldermen shall be residents of the ward for which they are chosen, and shall be elected by the qualified voters of such ward.

SEC. 4. The board of commissioners for Iredell county commissioners to appoint shall appoint at or before their meeting in March, one registrar.